

LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

JANUARY 8, 2020

Members: Peter Ouellette
Anne Davies
Audrey Serniak

Meeting called to order by Peter Ouellette

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Walter Griffith expressed his concerns over the selection of the new Board Chairman. He suggested the position be advertised and that interviews be public, mirroring the process by which Board members are selected by County Council. He also questioned Mr. Parsnik's choice for Clerk of the Board of Elections. He thinks it should be the Director of Elections as in the past.

Approved the December 4, 2019 Minutes Motion Anne, 2nd Audrey, All in favor

Solicitor had nothing to report.

Board of Elections Report

Some changes for future Board meetings were made due to holidays and the need to expedite the selection of the new Chair: 1/29th to 1/22nd; 4/4th to 4/8th; 11/11th to 11/18th.

There will be 7 days for public advertisement of the Chair, applications to be reviewed before 1/22 and interviews and decision on 1/22.

The need for public interviews of the candidates will be researched.

Election Bureau Report

Old voting machines are being returned. Haven't received any new machines but expect to receive some in the next few weeks. Plans to train the trainers and public are being worked out. Dominion will train the trainers and there will be resources available for the public. Dominion has different templates available which can be customized and posted on the website.

The Bureau expects to receive updates on Act 77 soon and is working on plans to educate the public.

The ad for Chairman will be published in the newspaper and is also being posted on the website; county's ABC application/resumes should be returned to the Board of Elections c/o the Bureau of Elections; the Board will review and interview. Applicants must be registered to vote and have regularly voted in past election (mirroring qualifications for the BoE positions).

Walter Griffith again pressed for public interviews like the County Board application process and for the BoE to have its own email address.

Adjournment: Motion Anne, 2nd Audrey, All in favor